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MISSOULA

Paying to get lost: Missoula's corn maze



Taylor Romack/ Montana Kaimin

From left to right, Daniel Bracamonte, Aimee Bracamonte and Eddie Stone attempt to find the correct turn deep in the MissoulaMaze on Sunday evening. This year marks the 5th annual MissoulaMaze, which incorporates Wild West themed clues to lead the wanderer deeper into the maze or a quick exit. The event also offers 'Night Maze' where participants can attempt to find their way out of the corn with nothing but the moonlight.

Madelyn Beck
Montana Kaimin

It's dark and cold. The sound of shuffling feet comes from every direction. Hay bales muffle a distant scream.

At least there is hot chocolate.

The MissoulaMaze is open and attracting both children and adults. Co-owner Christina Ellingson said the corn maze, now in its fifth year, is bigger than ever.

The design of the maze, as seen from the air, is two horses pulling a coach. It has three entrances but only one exit.

"We've had people who went out the entrance because they were so lost and were lost for over an hour," Ellingson said.

Meredith Thomas, a junior social work major, said she went to the maze last year with about 20 friends — and still got lost.

"It was bomb," Thomas said. "It was hard, which is nice. I recommend it to anyone who might want to go."

Even though she enjoyed the maze, Thomas said she was

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MISSOULA

Sentenced but not silent

Local non-profit looks to overturn wrongful convictions

Katheryn Houghton
Montana Kaimin

Richard Raugust still clings to his innocence.

The 47-year-old California native was convicted of murdering his best friend in northwest Montana in 1998. With the help of the Montana Innocence Project, he may walk free after 15 years in prison.

MIP is a statewide non-profit organization that tries to exonerate the innocent, working out of three small rooms tucked in the

University of Montana School of Law. The project consists of public officials, attorneys, journalists, professors and students.

"All humans make mistakes, and the justice system makes them too," said Jessie McQuilgan, executive director of MIP.

There are currently eight student volunteers at MIP, screening, investigating and litigating innocence claims through the Innocence Clinic. The clinic works with the UM Law School and School of Journalism.

In 2008, Montana became

one of the last states to form an innocence project. Across the nation, more than 8,000 prisoners write to the Innocence Network each year.

Over the last 20 years, more than 300 people in the United States have been exonerated by DNA evidence and hundreds more have been freed by other forms of evidence.

The wrongly convicted spend an average of 12 years in prison before regaining their freedom.

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MONTANA

Universities differ on background check policy

Ashley Nerbovig
Montana Kaimin

Montana State University may have had no choice in hiring Shuichi Komiyama, a former professor at MSU accused of sexually assaulting a student during the 2010-11 school year.

Komiyama was hired at MSU in 2006 before it started conducting background checks on faculty. According to the lawsuit against Komiyama, he was serving probation and had already been convicted of two

counts of unlawful intercourse with a minor prior to being hired at MSU. MSU did not conduct a background check on Komiyama.

Kevin McRae, a deputy commissioner at the office of the commissioner of higher education, said courts have ruled that when employers throw out applications based on prior convictions, they are often sued under nondiscrimination laws.

"I would say in the MSU case, had they known about his

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DIVERSITY COLUMN

NATIVE WITH A CAPITAL 'N'

Toddlers and suit ties

By Santee Ross

Dear members of Congress,
We need to talk.

Your little stunt of shutting down the federal government was cute until it wasn't.

You were willing to cut off funding for government-run programs because you get to sit up in your ivory castle — all pampered and shit — while those who rely on that funding were told to wait until you were done throwing your temper tantrum.

Get your shit together, and don't let this happen again. There are too many Americans who couldn't afford to wait out your immature behavior.

In Montana alone, there are about 20,000 families that rely on the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) programs. Let me emphasize that program's title again: Women, Infants, and Children. Nah, it's cool, it's not like they have to eat or anything.

I bet you weren't thinking about the elderly, either. Nope, I know you weren't.

But why would you when you're all worry-free with your "exempted" medical coverage? It's not like you've ever had to choose between your blood pressure and your cardiac medications. Your hands couldn't imagine having to fix your own breakfast on a bad day with Parkinson's when the home health nurse was furloughed. You should have thought about the 30 home health providers on the Crow reservation without a job.

But the only thing on your mind was your precious green, enit. Your entire thought process revolves around making it rain on the mountains of cash you each sit on.

Meanwhile, the rest of the country is drowning in debt. You probably chuckled to yourselves at the thought of the Fort Belknap reservation taking out a loan of almost \$2 million. I bet it would really get you rolling if you knew that money would be spent on heating homes for the poor, medical transportation and meals for seniors on the reservation.

This is why we need to talk. You're supposed to be this country's foundation. You're the American freaking government. Who put Hitler in his place? Who captured Bin Laden? You're a badass, so start acting like it.

Stop throwing fits like a child who couldn't eat their dessert before their veggies. The American people are in no position to coddle you, let alone believe in you if jobs are being dropped like panties at a high school prom.

Now, I love you. I really do. Despite my messy history with you, I proudly say I'm an American. But this bullshit can't happen again. The American people tend to notice that silver spoon in your mouth when we're eating with plastic ware. So cut your shit, get on our level and things will be hunky dorey.

Sincerely,

A concerned citizen who doesn't believe in sugar coating.

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LETTERS
to the EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I'm Samuel Thompson, a student at UM, and I've made Missoula my home for four years. I don't own a car, so I walk, ride my bike and use Missoula's great bus service to get around. The Mountain Line Bolt! route that connects

UM with Southgate Mall and the downtown gets me to class and to my job. I never wait for more than 15 minutes for a bus. Voting for the Mountain Line mill levy on the ballot is going to make the bus even better, with an additional 15-minute route, night service on the most used routes and better services for seniors and people with disabilities. I support the Urban Transportation

District mill levy. Students can register to vote and cast a ballot up until 8 p.m. on Election Day (Nov. 5) at the Elections Office at the county fairgrounds. For more information, please call 258-4751. Please vote FOR our bus on Nov. 5.

**SAMUEL THOMPSON
JUNIOR**

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES MAJOR

Let me start this column by saying I'm not a photojournalist.

A little over a year ago, the sports staff of the Montana Kaimin had three press passes to the Montana vs. Eastern Washington football game in Cheney, Wash. — two for writers in the press box and one for a photographer.

The only way I was going to cover the game at the red sea of turf called "The Inferno" was through the lens of a Nikon D7000. I was in over my head. I felt like a technologically challenged parent, the kind at which you'd yell, "Dad, just press the button!"

I took the camera and a very quick, five-minute tutorial from our photo editor. I searched Google for tips on shooting football games. I made some quick notes in my notebook. High shutter speed, open aperture. High shutter speed, open aperture.

But I forgot the most important and simple part: charge the batteries. First lesson in sports and sports journalism? Preparation is key.

This weekend, Montana will need to prepare for its toughest opponent to date: the No. 3 Eastern Washington Eagles.

Last year, Montana held a 26-17 lead over the Eagles with



THE SHOOTAROUND

Charge your batteries

By Austin Schempp

a little more than eight minutes remaining in the game. But the Eagles bounced back, winning the game 32-26 and dropping the Grizzlies to 2-3 overall on the season.

EWU finished the season 7-1 in conference play, tied with Montana State and Cal Poly for a share of the league's regular-season crown and a spot in the FCS playoffs. Northern Arizona had just one more loss but missed the playoffs.

If the 6-1 Grizzlies hope to reach the postseason, this weekend is a must-win, no exceptions.

Last weekend against Cal Poly, the Grizzlies defense bailed the offense out on multiple occasions, while special teams made the difference with the blocked field goal. After the injury to running back Travon Van, things are only going to be tougher.

The Grizzlies will face quarterback Vernon Adams, who passed for 353 yards his first career start against Montana in 2012. Adams also torched the Oregon State Beavers and led the Eagles to a 49-46 upset earli-

er this season. OSU was ranked 25th in the nation in the FBS, a considerable difference between the FCS.

Brandon Kaufman, 6-foot-5-inch wide receiver who had eight catches for 138 yards and two touchdowns, is gone. But Ashton Clark — 89 yards receiving and one touchdown against Montana in 2012 — is still there.

Standing near the southeast end zone, I saw Clark reel in the 20-yard pass for the go-ahead touchdown with 53 seconds remaining in the game. No Montana secondary player could be found within 10 yards of Clark.

With no other photographers around, and running on the last seconds of my camera's battery life, I flipped the "on" switch. But I was too late. The shot was blurry. I missed it.

Eagles fans swarmed the field while Montana players lingered there, unable to grasp how the game slipped away.

This year, the rivalry game is later in the season, and the stakes are higher.

Get your camera ready. You won't want to miss this game.

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CAMPUS

ASUM postpones confidentiality resolution

Student government wants more time to clarify 'student experiences'

Jess Field

Montana Kaimin

The Associated Students of the University of Montana postponed a resolution for the second consecutive week because of continued lack of clarity at its weekly Senate meeting on Wednesday.

The intention of the resolution, authored by Senator Anita Green, is to change University policy regarding student confidentiality. The Senate originally postponed the resolution at its Oct. 16 meeting to

give Green time to revise her resolution.

"Confidentiality proceedings prevent students from speaking publicly about their experiences," Green said. "The way the current University policy is, it silences students."

President Asa Hohman said he didn't understand what experiences Green was referring to, and that the wording of the resolution is vague and needed greater clarification.

"I think this is an important bill that needs to be passed, but because it's an important

bill we need to take our time with it and that still hasn't happened," Hohman said. "Not just the grammatical errors; I'm not sure what the bill does."

The resolution states that the University would not prevent or otherwise dissuade students from speaking openly and publicly about their experiences.

"In addition to not understanding what experiences it's talking about, I guess I'm curious in which way the University currently persuades,

dissuades or prevents students from talking about their experiences," Hohman said. "I just think we need to send it back one more time."

Senator Matt Haefner said the resolution as written would enact a change in University policy. The Senate doesn't have that power to do that, he said.


Green acknowledged that the Senate cannot change policy, but she said passing a resolution through the Senate is the first step toward changing policy.

Senator Kyle Schmauch made the motion to postpone the resolution for another week.


"The point of not passing unclear legislation is that other people who aren't sitting in this room understand what the bill means," Schmauch said. "If you read through this bill without having the background, it's not clear and that's why we need to postpone it."

Schmauch's motion to postpone was passed by a 22-3 vote.

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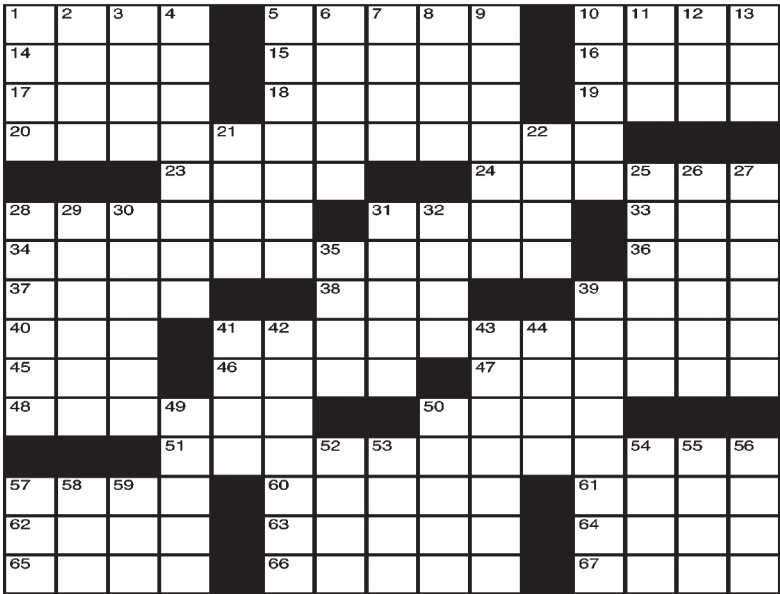
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Like much
- 5 Oscar-night attire
- 10 Under-the-sink installation
- 14 Take a shine to?
- 14 Jazz singer
- 15 Horne
- 15 Island near Curaçao
- 16 1930s migrant to California
- 17 Far
- 18 River where Romulus and Remus were abandoned
- 19 Hot
- 20 *Garden display
- 23 Oklahoma tribe
- 24 Sends regrets
- 28 Crazy Muppet drummer
- 31 Bright light
- 33 Bamboozled
- 34 *Paper fastener
- 36 Where Andy Capp 'angs 'is 'at
- 37 Noggin
- 38 Go in haste
- 39 Stretch
- 40 Med. lab letters
- 41 *Feature of some kilts
- 45 Actor Wallach
- 46 Creatures of habit?
- 47 Unfancy to the max?
- 48 Ready to be served
- 50 Three French horns, in a Prokofiev classic
- 51 Electrician's covers, and a hint to the ends of the answers to starred clues
- 57 Take a verbal shot at
- 60 Small porch
- 61 Sitarist Shankar
- 62 Busy
- 63 Mel-Tones frontman
- 64 Place for the first 42-Down?
- 65 Opens, as a car trunk



By Marti DuGuay-Carpenter and Jerome Gunderson 10/24/13

- 66 Sprinter's asset
- 67 Stinky

DOWN

- 1 Pitch indicator
- 2 Get back on one's feet
- 3 "You are much trouble!"
- 4 Supervillain with a whip
- 5 Pounds a beat
- 6 Sheer nonsense
- 7 Hick
- 8 Disable the security system for, say
- 9 Lightweight umbrella
- 10 Domineering
- 11 Maui strings
- 12 Tough spot
- 13 Tina of "Date Night"
- 21 Abbr. for the nameless?
- 22 Shipping route
- 25 Patronize
- 26 Jet legend
- 27 Danish seaport
- 28 Moseys
- 29 Compass point?
- 30 Venezia's land

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 31 Innocents
- 32 Foil kin
- 35 Deli slicing request
- 39 Old salt
- 41 More than suspected
- 42 Colony residents
- 43 Sat (down) ungracefully
- 44 Hang out in the hammock
- 49 USAF E-6's
- 50 Question before "Yeah, you!"
- 52 'Vette roof option
- 53 Pear remnant
- 54 "Yay, me!"
- 55 Neck and neck
- 56 Hole on the green
- 57 Static jolt
- 58 Skater Midori
- 59 Swig



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Through his research on responses of marine communities and wetlands to climate change, illegal fishing and pollution, Sagarin has played a leading role in the shift in science from experimental to observational methods. In his lecture, he will draw lessons from his book "Learning from the Octopus," about what we can learn from 3.5 billion years of evolution to become more adaptable to the risks of nature.

Monday, Oct. 28, 2013
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MISSOULA

Carbon regulation gains local support

Alexander Deedy
Montana Kaimin

Students and community members rallied behind the Environmental Protection Agency's latest effort to reduce the nation's climate impact on Wednesday night in the University Center theater.

The EPA is in the planning process of setting carbon emission regulations on new power plants. The agency is holding public hearing sessions across the nation to gauge community opinions, but the closest official hearing sessions are in Seattle and Denver. Some local groups decided to organize their own hearings.

The student group UM Climate Action Now worked with the local Sierra Club chapter, the National Wildlife Federation, Montana Audubon and others to host the event.

"We just wanted to get a strong show of support from Missoulians," Caitlin Piserchia, UM CAN's vice president, said.

Piserchia was happy with the turnout of just over 100 people. Attendees were able to hear from a group of speakers including Nobel Prize winner and UM professor Steve Running.

Running presented the news that the U.S. showed over 4 percent overall reduction in

carbon emissions in 2012, the first decline on the chart.

"If the U.S. continues to ratchet down carbon emissions it will give U.S. legitimacy in international negotiations," Running said.

He said the EPA regulations were a crucial step, because 40 percent of carbon emissions worldwide can be attributed to coal.

Between speakers, audience members were encouraged to fill out comment cards that would be sent to the EPA. At the end of the event, anyone was welcome to voice their comments in a public forum. Three people expressed their support for the carbon regula-

tions.

Freshman Dan Dettman, a health and human performance major, said he decided to attend the event so he could learn a little more about the internationally important issue.

"I think that when we're 50 the big consequences of what happens now will come into play," Dettman said.

Many of tomorrow's leaders are attending universities now, so he's glad that events such as this are available on campus, he said.

UM CAN students had the opportunity to rub elbows with some of those future leaders in the environmental field at Power Shift, a huge

youth conference focused on environmental change held last weekend. They brought the enthusiasm back to Montana.

"I see climate change as the most important international issue of our time," Piserchia said.

It's time to take action now, she told the audience.

"I urge the EPA to impose stricter carbon regulations," Piserchia said.

Anyone who didn't attend the event but wishes to comment can express their opinion online at regulations.gov.

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CAMPUS

Business school to offer sustainability courses

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Students of any major interested in sustainability could soon add a certificate to their resume, thanks to a new initiative within the business school.

If approved, the sustainability certificate will require students to take two courses in sustainability and two electives from a list of approved classes.

The two required sustainability courses are issues in business and sustainability and sustainability reporting.

Suzanne Tilleman, an assistant professor at the University

of Montana, will be teaching one of the courses and has been the driving force behind the certificate.

'I hope to use it in the company I eventually work for to help them be sustainable.'

"I'm aware of the huge importance of environment and social sustainability issues with respect to business," she said.

The certificate offers a way for students to narrow down their

interests and direct their course of study, Tilleman said.

Right now the approval for the certificate is in a committee

Ashley Kanduch, junior

within the faculty senate.

Colin Henderson, chair of the Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee, said he expects the certificate to either be approved or denied by

mid-November.

Students are excited about the certificate, including junior Ashley Kanduch, who plans to take both of the sustainability classes.

"I hope to use it in the company I eventually work for to help them be sustainable," Kanduch said.

Tilleman is hesitant to promote the certificate too much because it has not yet been approved.

"If it doesn't get approved, then we will go through the approval process next year and make the necessary modifications," Tilleman said.

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MISSOULA

New westside roundabout makes driving safer, easier

Megan Petersen

Montana Kaimin

The pungent smell of tar is strong on Missoula's westside as construction wraps up on a roundabout — but it's better than burning rubber.

"I came out here to watch traffic for an hour (before the roundabout), and I saw two or three cars that had to just floor it and spin their tires to cross traffic," Doug Harby, city construction program manager, said. "People would get really impatient waiting to get out."

The new roundabout replaces the previous three-way intersection between Toole Avenue and Scott and Spruce streets. Harby said the old intersection had low levels of functionality, with heavy traffic and difficulty in making left turns.

The roundabout should be open to commuters next week, Harby said.

Westside residents are glad to see the change from the three-way stop.

"That stop sign was brutal," resident Kim Shappee said. "It did not work."

Shappee said she hopes people will use the new roundabout instead of taking side streets to avoid it, which is what a lot of people did with the old stop sign.



Taylor Romack/ Montana Kaimin

Construction workers continuously roll over freshly laid asphalt to smooth out the new roundabout at the intersection of West Spruce Street, Scott Street and Toole Avenue. Water is constantly dripped on the metal roller and diesel is sprayed on the rubber tires to prevent them from sticking to the new road.

"People use Phillips and Cooper (the side streets off the intersection) as secret cheat streets to get to the west side," she said. "There are a lot of kids on this street."

Because of the revitalization of the westside, especially with businesses like Draught Works, Summer Sun Garden and brew and food carts, Shappee said traf-

fic has increased. With the number of schools and parks in the area — the intersection itself is only two blocks from Lowell Elementary School and West Side Park — safe-

ty is a concern.

"I feel like (the old intersection) was dangerous as far as accidents go," resident Justin Richards said. "A roundabout will be a lot safer."

Traffic accidents at the old intersection were relatively high and more intense, Harby said.

"We might get the same number of accidents at the roundabout, but it's usually just a fender bender," he said. "If somebody runs through a light or a stop sign, they'll get T-boned."

The intersection didn't warrant a traffic light, mostly because of the cost, Harby said. The roundabout cost the city approximately \$200,000; a traffic light would cost upward of \$500,000.

The construction, which began in late August, is almost done, said Brian Hensel, superintendent of the city's street department. After the pavement they laid Wednesday cools, the street department will paint the lines, and then the roundabout will be ready for traffic, he said.

"We're kind of under the gun to get this finished before the weather sets in," Hensel said.

Residents are excited for construction to finish.

"This detour sucks," resident Jamie Rogers said. "This is definitely a first-world problem, but the roundabout's going to be great."

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CAMPUS

Getting the word out: Therapy program helps students with aphasia

Andrew R. Visscher

Montana Kaimin

American society endures a daily torrent of texts, voicemails, IMs and emails. In an era of Facebook statuses and overloaded Twitter feeds, it can be difficult to imagine a breakdown so fundamental as the inability to convey thoughts.

But for many people, this is part of day-to-day life with aphasia.

On campus, students and faculty help those affected by aphasia with intensive therapy through the Big Sky Aphasia Program, a clinical approach to those affected by the disorder.

According to the New England Journal of Medicine, aphasia is "a disturbance of the comprehension and formulation of language caused by dysfunction in specific brain regions."

These dysfunctions can vary and are primarily associated with a stroke.

"I always think of it of like going to a foreign country, and a lot of times you don't know the language.

You don't speak the language," said Jenna Griffin, a graduate student studying speech language pathology. "You may or may not understand some of what people are saying, and you may have a few choice words you can use."

Unlike other cognitive disorders, aphasia is not an intellectual disorder, said Catherine Off, assistant professor in the department of communicative sciences and disorders.

"It's a deficit of language — an impairment of language only," Off said.

She said an impairment of language can impact all sorts of activities, including speaking, listening, writing and reading.

Communicative perception — formulating and properly relaying thoughts to language and vice versa — requires a healthy relationship in the brain. Lobes must play nicely with other lobes. Off and Kennedy said the slightest lesion to Wernicke's Area in the brain, or damage to a particular cortex, can completely disrupt an individual's

ability to communicate.

Annie Kennedy, clinical supervisor with the department, said perceptibility is also a complicated aspect of aphasia.

"Every person with aphasia presents a very different pattern of skills and deficits," Kennedy said. "Some people may have difficulty with speech and sentence production. Others may have fluent speech, but the speech is completely irrelevant to the conversation."

The particular symptoms are dependent on the area of the brain damaged, Off said. Recent years of physiological study reveal a more holistic and complicated reality behind aphasia, she said.

The only common denominator is that every case is acquired, she said. It is not a pre-developed condition.

The Edwin Smith Papyrus, a 1,500-year-old Egyptian manuscript, recorded the earliest known aphasiac symptoms and attempted treatments. This document uses the word "brain" for the first time in any language and attempts to

relate cranial injuries to subsequent behavior.

Jacques Lordat, a professor of physiology at the University of Montpellier, published a paper on his personal experience with aphasia in the 1950s. Lordat concluded "verbal amnesia," or aphasia, was not a symptom of madness, as was previously believed.

"Originally, the idea was that all behavioral functions had a one-to-one correspondence with a particular area of the brain," Off said.

She said this linear approach led to a misrepresentation of the complexity of the brain.

A common misbelief, according to Griffin, is that a stroke is an acute disease like a heart attack, rather than a chronic disease like diabetes. He believes viewing strokes as a one-time attack on the brain severely limits continuing therapy.

Neural imagery allows for an advanced understanding of the complexity of the human brain, Off said. While different parts of the brain do represent different functions, it's not as linear as once

believed.

Together, Kennedy and Off supervise students like Griffin in the Big Sky Aphasia Program, giving them practical experience working with those affected by aphasia on a daily basis.

"It's something that doesn't really exist in the Mountain West," Kennedy said. "There is no other intensive aphasia program."

But limitations in time and space have left the program too big for its walls.

"We have utilized every single therapy space," Kennedy said. "Even spaces where we're not supposed to be."

Yet Kennedy said seeing patients improve when other doctors had doubt has been a very rewarding experience.

"I really love the intensive therapy model," Kennedy said. "From the students, to the clients, to the caregivers. There are so many aspects that make this a rewarding experience."

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VOLLEYBALL

Griz senior returns after ACL injury

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The end of a season is a difficult time for any athlete, but for Megan Murphey, Montana's senior libero, an ACL tear in October of last year cut her season short by seven games.

"We didn't really have a good season last year, and it was hard sitting on the bench, just watching everything happen," said Murphey, a 5-foot-3-inch Bozeman native.

The Griz finished 4-23 overall (4-16 in the Big Sky Conference), losing every match once Murphey was sidelined.

Since Murphey's return this season, the Griz are 9-10 overall and 6-4 in the BSC, already doubling last season's win total.

But the offseason was not easy for Murphey, a biology major who has been an Academic All-BSC selection every year. She said it was the longest time she had ever spent not playing volleyball since she started playing at age 10.

"I had never had an injury like that, so I don't think I was really ready for what was ahead of me," Murphey said. "I felt like as soon as the season was over and I had my surgery, I was ready to get back

out there."

Standing in Murphey's way was months of rehab.

"She was in there training and getting treatment every day," teammate Kayla Reno said. "But she came back, and she was willing to work hard."

Her hard work paid off.

Murphey is seventh in the Big Sky Conference with 3.57 digs per set and leads the Griz with 250 digs. She has recorded double-digit digs in all but three of Montana's conference matches.

"I think it's huge," Reno said about the importance of having an experienced libero, like Murphey. "She is able to talk and communicate with the back row and settle down the passes. It is a huge advantage for us."

Liberos are allowed to sub in for anyone in the back row without counting toward the team's substitution limit. Liberos are also the defensive anchor in the backcourt.

"It is a mental position," said Murphey. "You're making sure that people are alright out there and just making sure that everyone is where they need to be. If someone is struggling, get everyone to either push that person up, or move them, or something to get our team right back on track."

As libero, Murphey is a vocal leader. She has two responsibilities: passing and digging.

But she is also needed on serve-receive, which, to Murphey, is almost more important than defense.

"If we don't have a good serve-receive match, we can't get our offense going," Murphey said.

Murphey said before matches, the team scouts who the opposing team's big hitters are and where the ball is most



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Megan Murphey, the Grizzly volleyball team's libero, prepares to bump the ball to a more advantageous court position in the Adam Center's West Auxiliary Gym in a match against Northern Arizona on Oct. 12, 2013. The Griz lost 3-1.

likely to be hit, watching their approach to see where the ball will come off an opposing player's arm.

"I'm watching their hands," Murphey said. "Seeing if they're slowing down, because if they're slowing down, it's probably going to be a little shot or a tip."

On defense, Murphey flies around the court, sacrificing her body in pursuit of keeping the point alive.

"You don't really notice it during the game, but definitely

ly after the game it's painful. But I think it's like that for every position," Murphey said. "Yeah, I'm diving on the floor, but our outsides, like Kayla (Reno), are taking 90 swings a weekend, which takes a toll on her shoulder. And our middles are jumping and blocking, which takes a toll on their knees."

Murphey didn't begin her volleyball career playing libero. She used to be a hitter just like Reno.

"I'm too short to play in the front row," said Murphey, who started playing libero in high school. "I wouldn't really help the team."

Murphey, along with Montana's four other seniors, have the Griz currently sitting fifth in the conference.

"This year we are more focused on coming together as a team. We've already won more at this point than we did last year," Murphey said. "Our first goal is making it to the Big Sky Conference tournament, and after that, we want to win everything."

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FOOTBALL

Griz football benefits from Nike Swoosh

Partnership brings exposure and revenue to UM athletics

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In terms of flashy gear, Montana is not the University of Oregon. But that doesn't mean UM isn't high on the totem pole.

Montana is a 'Nike Elite Partner' school. They are at the tail end of a 5-year contract with Nike, which expires next year, at which time the athletic department will try to negotiate a new contract. UM alum Eric Sprunk is the Chief Operating Officer of Nike, which helped Montana gain the favorable position with the sporting goods giant.

Athletic director Kent Haslam said the Nike contract saves UM money and provides access that a school the size of Montana wouldn't normally receive.

"We're set up to buy the Nike product at a certain cost, and we get a few things comped to us," Rob Stack, UM's head equipment manager said. "We basically pay 50 percent on what it costs."

That setup can lead to sweet savings for the athletic department budget. Typically, the school pays around \$250,000 per year to outfit Montana's athletes, Haslam said. That goes into uniforms, warm-ups, shoes and gloves for all athletes. "In this day and age, to suit a football player head to toe with jersey, pads, helmet, gloves — it's about \$2,000 to \$2,500," Stack said. "That in-

cludes everything they wear." Haslam said that the \$250,000 is relatively cheap compared to other Big Sky schools.

Most of the cost of gear comes from the necessary protective equipment. But fresh jerseys and styles can bring in better recruits — which can lead to better teams, more exposure for the university and more revenue.

One of the first things football prospects see when visiting campus is the equipment room, Stack said, and coaches hope to show them that the uniforms are similar to schools such as Oregon. "They come in and pull out their phones when we show them the uniforms, and put the pictures on the Internet or whatever," Stack said. "It shows them that we take care of them, and we are like those bigger schools."

Observant football fans will notice something about Montana's jersey's every Saturday this year — slight differences have appeared each week, most recently a pink "Griz" sticker on their helmets to support breast cancer last Saturday.

The changes, according to Stack, are for fan and player enjoyment, and for recruiting.

Stack said Haslam liked the idea of subtle changes to uniforms to keep things interesting.

So far, the Griz have sported different helmet stickers, including one large Griz paw on the back of the helmet, and



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The University of Montana football jerseys cost about \$180 each, but they would be more expensive if the school didn't have a partnership with Nike. The partnership is not only cost effective but it helps draw more recruits to the school due to the appeal the uniforms offer and their similarity to bigger schools.

two smaller paws on each side of the helmet, replacing a stylized 'Griz' emblem from last season.

The facemasks on the helmets have also been rotated, featuring black, maroon and silver colors.

"It's so easy, to just swap out a \$1.50 sticker, to make things much more interesting and fun," Haslam said.

Stack said he works with representatives nearly every day to provide UM athletes with the shoes, jerseys and warm-ups they need to compete.

"This time of year, we're preparing our orders for next fall. Nike sends us a catalogue,

and we look at it and decide what fits with us," Stack said.

He then takes the designs to the coaches, Haslam and some of the players for input and final approval.

"The final design is traditional and clean look, like we've had in the past," Stack said.

Haslam said the uniforms can energize the crowd and get people excited about Griz football.

"We love having great-looking stuff, and our partnership with Nike allows that. It really makes the entire football experience better for the players and the fans."

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almost kicked out for swearing. Rules are part of the maze, which Ellingson said makes the experience more enjoyable for everyone. Some of these rules include no alcohol, no pets, no smoking and no making short-cuts through the maze. Ellingson and her husband, Earl, plant and cut out the maze by hand every year. They grow pumpkins for the patch but get hay from the Bitterroot. The Ellingsons started with only a

small hay bale maze but were convinced Missoula needed a corn maze. They were ready to put in the work to make it happen. "We start the planning process the previous winter," Christina said. This year, they came up with the horses and carriage a maze design, and built an old west theme around it. To plot the maze, Earl sets up Legos and creates pathways his wife says are "counterintuitive" to the way people would normally walk. From there, a few deco-

rations, a lot of planning and hundreds of seeds are planted to prepare for the fall. The maze draws children from around Missoula, and because it is beside Mountain View Elementary School, many come from there. For kids and easily disoriented adults, there are clues on how to get through the maze with three levels of difficulty. Bre and Ryan Loewen brought their two children to the maze and admit that it's difficult. "The clues definitely help,"

Bre said. "I would get totally lost, no question." For a more daring venture, go after dark. "All the clues and markers are removed," Christina Ellingson said. "Bring a flashlight or feel your way along without one." If a fear of being trapped in a corn maze all night is what deters a potential visitor, there is no need to worry. The maze doesn't close until after the last person makes it out. The maze is open Thursday through Sunday this week as

well as on Halloween and Sunday, Nov. 3. The cost of admission for adults is \$8 and includes access to a mini hay bale maze, petting zoo, obstacle course, large puzzle game and pumpkin patch. Ellingson said 10 percent of money collected goes to the Mountain View Elementary Fund. Another portion pays for workers' wages, utilities and other items. And the rest, she said, goes into making the maze bigger and better for next year.

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record, they probably could not have refused to hire him," McRae said. Leslie C. Taylor, legal counsel at Montana State University, said when MSU does a background check, it only goes back seven years. In Komiyama's case, the charges were from at least 20 years ago and would not have shown up, she said. Taylor said MSU began doing background checks in 2010, and it's very rare for a faculty hire's background check to reveal a felony. She said MSU does not plan to run background checks on professors who were hired before 2010. She said there are no statistics on how many former convicts work in professor or administration positions on campus. The University of Montana also does not keep public information on how many of their faculty and administration have felony convictions. McRae said background checks were conducted on staff members related to residence halls and security at MSU prior to 2010. He said it is too hard

for there to be a standard from his office about what groups should be given background checks within the university system. Lucy France, legal counsel for UM, said the University began requiring background checks for their faculty hires in 2003. Since then, the University has offered faculty positions conditional upon a background check, she said. France said sexual assault conviction could prevent a University professor from being hired. "If it was repetitive, it's hard to speak globally, but the short answer is yes. But we'd have to look at all the circumstances, but it would be a consideration," France said. "If somebody is put in charge of money and they have been convicted of embezzlement, you would be cautious of putting them in charge of money." According to the UM's human resources policies and procedures, faculty, administrators and hired professionals receive a letter with their offer of employment detailing the conditions of that background check.

"Employment is contingent upon a satisfactory criminal background investigation. The determination of 'satisfactory' is at the sole discretion of the employer," the letter reads. "Immediate dismissal will occur if criminal background investigation results are unsatisfactory." McRae said universities don't entirely have that power. McRae said the choice would be different if it was a matter of a former felon working with minors, but universities are essentially a workplace. A former felon has the same constitutional right to work as anyone else, he said. The debate behind background checks is ongoing, because in a lot of cases there is very little you can do with that knowledge if a candidate is qualified, he said. "If they are the most qualified applicant, the burden is on the employer why the applicant is disqualified from the position," McRae said. "I'm not saying I love the decision, but how are they going to defy a lawsuit?"

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INNOCENCE
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McQuillian said that more than 75 percent of cases where a person was exonerated were caused by incorrect eyewitness accounts. She said she believes this is the situation with Raugust, who was arrested for murder in 1997 and convicted the following spring. The MIP has been investigating his case for five years. McQuillian thinks new evidence implicates a different killer, and the courts granted Raugust a new trial in March 2014 based on MIP's findings. If exonerated, Raugust would be the fourth person in Montana to have their conviction overturned. The MIP is currently investigating six cases and reviewing close to 80 others, McQuillian said. Brendan McQuillan, the MIP's legal director, said the process of exonerating an inmate normally takes about five years. Because of this, they are expecting more successes in the near future. "It is an exciting time now that the Montana Innocence Project has existed for a while, we are seeing a lot of our cases on the brink," he said. Brendan is the only full-time attorney working for MIP and is

responsible for screening letters from inmates and overseeing student volunteers. The team often investigates cases involving murder or sexual assault and can be gruesome, he said. "It is a place for anyone who has an inquisitive mind about the justice system and hopes to make it even better. Often students can come in a little naïve, though," he said. Sarah Lockwood, a first-year law student at UM, said she was one of those naïve volunteers. "I had a bleeding heart. Every letter was a sob story and everyone had to be innocent," Lockwood said with a laugh. She said she now knows how to focus her efforts on deserving cases. Lockwood stressed it's important for people to realize that wrongful convictions can happen to anyone, regardless of beliefs or background. She said she hopes people with differing opinions on other issues will come together to solve this problem. "There's no excuse not to get involved," Lockwood said. "Supporting innocence doesn't fall on political lines." katheryn.houghton@umontana.edu
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